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1. AGENDA ITEM 3 - REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONCERNED: MORNING SESSION FRIDAY 13 MARC SCHREIBER INTRODUCED THIS ITEM (DOCUMENT E/CN. 4/SUB. 2/366) AND REVIEWED ALL UN ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS NOTING UNESCO AND ILO PROGRAMS. REMARKING ON THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE NOW IN FORCE, SCHREIBER SAID THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE PUBLISHED AUG. 20, 1976.

2. DEBATE OF THE ITEM WAS UNINSPIRING. VAN BOVEN (NETHERLANDS) IN A SPEECH NOTING THE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN HUMAN RIGHTS WORLD WIDE COMMENTED ON THE EFFORTS OF US CONGRESS TO MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS A DETERMINANT IN PROVIDING USAID ASSISTANCE. IN THE US CASE HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BY AND LARGE MORAL IMPLICATIONS SHOULD BE OVERRIDING FACTOR EVEN WITH STRINGS ATTACHED. HE ALSO CITED RECENT OAS MEETING IN SANTIAGO, THE HELSINKI DECLARATION AND THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS EXAMPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THE NETHERLANDS VAN BOVEN TOLD MEMBERS ABOUT CITIZENS EXERTING PRESSURE BY BOYCOTTING BANKS AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES

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WORKING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE RESPECTIVELY, RIGHTS

SITUATIONS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

3. OTHER COMMENTS STRESSED THE NEED FOR MORE SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES AND LESS POLITICIZING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. (KHALIFA, EGYPT.) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KHALIFA SPOKE IN USUAL GRANDIOSE TERMS ABOUT SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEED TO PUT ASIDE POLITICIZATION HIS REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICA (DOCUMENT E/CN. 4/SUB. 2/371) IS HIGHLY POLITICAL IN LAST CHAPTER (IV). ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED SECOND WEEK OF SESSION. DOCUMENT HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. THE NEED FOR LESS ABSTRACT AND MORE REAL AND CONCRETE PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS WAS STRESSED BY ORTIZ MARTIN (MEXICO). GANJI (IRAN) ENDED MORNING MEETING WITH LONG ADDRESS IN NEEDS OF THE POOR. WORLD HUNGER AND CHILD CARE. DEBATE ON ITEM WAS CONCLUDED IN AFTERNOON AND IN PRIVATE SESSION AGENDA ITEM 9, COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, WAS CONSIDERED. CATTO

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